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In re application of:

FISCHER et al.

Application No.: 09/840,743

Filed: April 23, 2001

For: METHODS FOR MODULATING
FLORAL ORGAN IDENTITY,
MODULATING FLORAL ORGAN
NUMBER, INCREASING OF
MERISTEM SIZE, AND DELAYING
FLOWERING TIME

Customer No.: 20350

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed January 6, 2005 on the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks. A terminal disclaimer accompanies this Amendment.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

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